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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO. [BILL NUMBER]

State land exchanges and private negotiations.

Sponsored by: Joint Agriculture, State and Public Lands &  
Water Resources Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to state lands; requiring consideration of  
2 comments from users of adjoining lands before approving,  
3 effecting or completing an exchange of state-owned lands  
4 for privately-owned lands; and providing for an effective  
5 date.

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7 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 36-1-110 is amended to read:

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11 **36-1-110. Authority of director to effect and**  
12 **complete exchanges.**

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2       (a) The director is hereby authorized and empowered,  
3 subject to the approval of the state board of land  
4 commissioners, to effect and complete such exchange of  
5 state-owned lands for federal-owned lands; and also to  
6 effect and complete such exchange of state-owned lands for  
7 privately owned lands; and to do any and all things  
8 necessary or required to be done by the state of Wyoming in  
9 order to enable said state to comply with the provisions of  
10 said Taylor Grazing Act and other acts of congress  
11 authorizing the exchange of federal-owned lands, and any  
12 order, rule or regulation passed or promulgated in  
13 pursuance thereof; and to effect and complete the exchange  
14 of state-owned lands for privately-owned lands. The board  
15 of land commissioners may authorize the purchase of lands  
16 only in an amount necessary to effect and complete the  
17 exchange of state-owned lands for other lands and only for  
18 those lands identified in the authorization of purchase.  
19 The board shall not use the power of eminent domain  
20 pursuant to W.S. 1-26-801 et seq. to purchase any lands  
21 under this section.

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(b) Before approving, effecting or completing any exchange of state-owned lands for privately-owned lands, the board and director shall solicit comments from owners, lessees and lawful occupants of adjoining lands and shall consider all comments received at least twenty (20) days before the scheduled action. No exchange of state-owned lands for privately-owned lands shall be approved, effected or completed where the privately-owned lands are proposed to the state for exchange without the owner of those privately owned lands providing documented proof of the owner's good faith effort to obtain legal permission to use or access the privately owned lands, as applicable, from the owner, lessee or lawful occupant of adjoining lands.

**Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2023.

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